

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 5, 2019 through March 10, 2019.

THURSDAY

3/07/2019

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past week to oversee entries for this coming week. Entries were extremely difficult to come by. The card for Saturday was not drawn until 4:45pm. Changes, as might be expected, were nil, with one rider change and one blinker change. Ward will be responsible for the minutes in the coming week.

FRIDAY

3/08/2019

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd race- #7 Diosa (Vet-sick) refund of \$1,224.00
4th race -#3 Gutsy Streak (Vet-injured)
#6 Lion Command (Vet-sick) refund of \$1,469.00
5th race- #4 Jimmy The Bull (Vet-unsound) refund of \$677.00
7th race- #5 Come N Catch Me (Vet-sick) refund of \$301.00
8th race- #4 Love To Reason BR (Vet-injured) refund of \$586.00

(2) **MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Jerry Wallace was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Betamethasone found in his horse "Two Timing Lucy", the second-place finisher in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 23, 2018. The post-race sample indicated the presence of 36 pg/ml of Betamethasone.

Mr. Wallace was forthright, stating that his veterinarian, Dr. Rick Overly, had injected the horse's suspensory ligaments and feet with the medication on the day of entry. Once informed of the findings, Mr. Wallace opted to send a split sample to the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory for a secondary analysis. The findings from that lab indicated 15+/- 3 pg/ml, still over the regulatory limit in California.

Mr. Wallace felt that he had no control over the situation as he did not inject the horse, but rather his veterinarian. He said that if anyone was at fault, it was the vet. While his comments have some merit, unfortunately, he is the ultimate insurer under the rules. A decision will follow.

(3) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	530	On Track Handle:	\$73,298.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,715</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$190,330.90
Total:	2,245	Out of State:	<u>\$540,310.13</u>
		Total:	\$803,939.93

SATURDAY
3/09/2019

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st race- #1 On The Fence (Vet-unsound) refund \$253.00
2nd race- #1 Chiefs Lil Pearl (Vet-sick) refund \$347.00
5th race- #5 Treacherous (Vet-injured) refund \$196.00

(2) **RULING**

RULING # 62

TRAINER JERRY WALLACE II, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "TWO TIMING LUCY" IN THE FIRST RACE FINISHING SECOND AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 23, 2018, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (a & d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (f)(1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-BETAMETHASONE (36 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL – 10 PG/ML).

This ruling was issued to finalize the complaint against Mr. Wallace (Ref. 3-8-19 #2)

(3) **RULINGS**

RULING # 63

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR. IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 8, 2019.

RULING # 64

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND- THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 8, 2019.

These rulings were issued as neither rider could offer a reasonable excuse for violating the "crop" rule.

(4) **MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Jose Flores was in our office responding to a complaint filed by Board investigators for an overage of Dexamethasone (63 pg/ml) found in his horse "Madam of Fire MV", the winner of the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on February 1, 2019. Mr. Flores admitted to the violation, stating that the horse was administered one packet of Azium/Dexamethasone and one packet of Naquasone on the day of entry. This was followed up by the same administrations the following day. He feels the double dose of the drugs was responsible for the findings. A decision will be rendered tomorrow.

(5) **RIDER CHANGES**

Ferrin Peterson was excused from her mount in the sixth race due to travel issues from Nor Cal. Carlos Huerta inherited the mount.

Cody Jensen was excused from his mount in the eighth race as he felt ill after riding in the seventh. Jonathan Roman took over for Jensen.

(6) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	826	On Track Handle:	\$96,772.40
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,897</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$268,724.40
Total:	2,723	Out of State:	<u>\$787,870.72</u>
		Total:	\$1,153,367.52

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race- #4 Cali Rocks (Vet-unsound) refund of \$101.00
3rd race- #1 Seattle Flash(Vet-injured) refund of \$191.00

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Cody Jensen, who was excused from his mount in the final race last evening, was once again excused due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

(3) RULING

RULING # 65

TRAINER JOSE FLORES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "MADAM OF FIRE MV", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2019, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF THE HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844 (F)(4)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - DEXAMETHASONE (63.0 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5.0 PG/ML).

The preceding ruling was issued to finalize the case against Mr. Flores.

(4) RULING

RULING # 66

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND- SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 9, 2019.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Mendez could offer no reasonable excuse for violating the "crop" rule.

(5) UNEVENTFUL EVENING

All matters during the eight-race program this evening took place without the need for Stewards' intervention.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	620	On Track Handle:	\$104,219.90
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,717</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$339,971.30
Total:	2,337	Out of State:	<u>\$997,598.27</u>
		Total:	\$1,441,789.47

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 10, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 4 for sickness. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

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SUMMARY 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 3/08	SAT 3/09	SUN 3/10	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		2	0	0	2	61
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	8
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	15
REFUNDS		A			5	3	2	10	77
RULINGS			Y		0	3	2	5	66
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	7

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Scott Chaney, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

Scott Chaney (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)